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Department of Defense Chief Information Officer Honors 105 for Receiving Federal Award as the “Best Information Technology Team” at a Pentagon Awards Ceremony

The Enterprise Software Initiative, or ESI, is a joint Department of Defense (DoD) project with a mission to develop a new DoD-wide process for acquiring and managing commercial software as a DoD-wide asset. The ESI Team is made up of 105 individuals from 26 different DoD organizations with support from 4 companies. ESI is working together to provide commercial software to the Defense Enterprise at the lowest possible cost, and knowledge of DoD software rights for better acquisition and management decisions. The Honorable Arthur Money, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence and the DoD Chief Information Officer, sponsors ESI. In 1999, the ESI Team won the prestigious Information Resources Management Conference or IRMCO Award. This prestigious award is presented each year by the General Services Administration, after a Federal wide call for nominations, to “..an individual or team who has demonstrated exceptional ability to operate across organizational boundaries and/or communities (such as federal government, private sector, academia, state/local governments) to improve the Government's service to its people.” The awards committee credited ESI teamwork, innovative funding mechanism and software cost avoidance achieved as primary reasons for the selection. At the time of the award, ESI had just completed its first year and DoD customers had already avoided more than \$75M in software costs using DoD-wide enterprise agreements created by the ESI team. Negotiated discounts were as high as 98% off GSA Federal Supply Schedule prices. The IRMCO team award was announced at the IRMCO Conference Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Sept. 7, 1999, hosted by Mr. David J. Barram, administrator of the GSA. On October 6, 2000 at a formal awards ceremony in the Pentagon, Mr. Money presented a replica of the IRMCO award statuette this morning to leaders of the 26 DoD organizations and 4 private firms who support them. He thanked all 105 ESI Team Members for their efforts, and gave them Certificates of Appreciation.



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